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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****AUG 10 2006****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In the PATENT APPLICATION of:****Kazunari Hanano****Application No.: 10/657,978****Confirmation No.: 1280****Filed: September 9, 2003****For: ILLUMINATION APPARATUS AND
IMAGE PROJECTION APPARATUS USING
THE ILLUMINATION APPARATUS****Group: 2851****Examiner: Melissa J. Koval****Our File: SAS2-PT059****Date: August 10, 2006****REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111****Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Sir:**

**This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated
March 15, 2006.**

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows:

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